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1. Bread is rationed at 400 grams per person, with 600 grams allowed those doing light manual labor and 800 to those doing heavy labor. It is priced at six or seven Leks a kilogram. The black market price is 40 Leks a kilo, but it is rarely available through such channels.
2. Rationed sugar costs 40 Leks a kilo; on the free market, it costs 350 Leks. Coffee costs 1000 Leks a kilo on the free market, but it is almost never to be found. Oil costs 40 Leks a kilo on the ration, and 800 Leks a kilo on the free market. Butter is not rationed, and sells for 1200 Leks a kilo on the free market. Nuts are 200 Leks a kilo, and tangerines 60 Leks a kilo. Meat, if and when it is to be found, is 100 Leks a kilo on the ration and 200 Leks a kilo on the free market.
3. A laborer receives 72 Leks a day, and a white collar worker between 2500 and 4000 Leks a month.
4. All types of medical supplies are extremely scarce. Disease, especially tuberculosis, is rampant, due to lack of proper nourishment and medicine.

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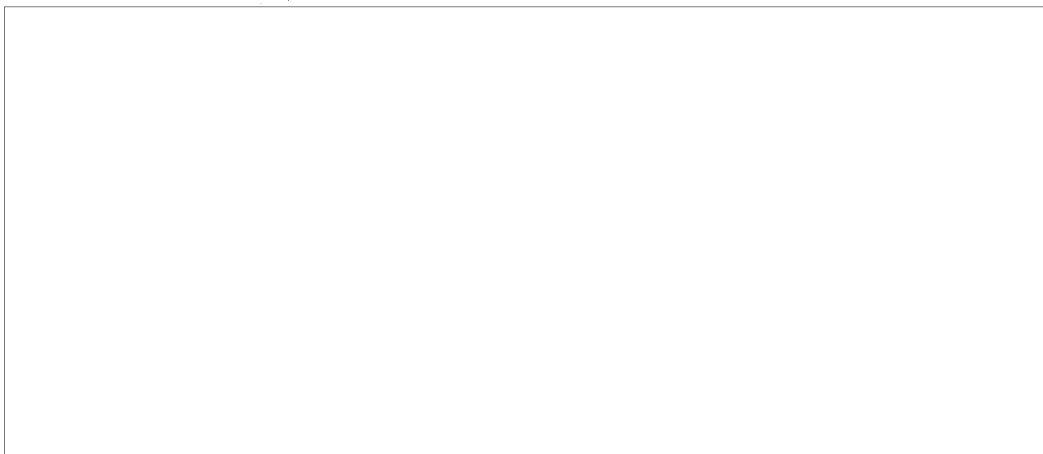
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7. No Soviet troops are stationed in Albania except for about 100 officers and technicians, who wear civilian clothes.
8. Seven Communists were said to have been sent last April to the northern mountains, charged with propaganda among the mountaineers. All seven were allegedly killed.



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